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THERE is nothing about which Men differ more than in the *Worth* of other Men. Every Man has a Sort of Standard to himself; or, if I may be allowed the Expreſſion, a Pair of Scales, in which he weighs the Characters of his Cotemporaries. In order to have a juſt Idea one needs only read the Works of *Clarendon* *Burnet*. Both are Hiſtories of their own Times, th are full of Reports grounded on Facts in- but colour'd according to their different Judg-

The Chancellor had a better Head than the , and therefore his Characters have a greater rance of Truth. But even in reſpect to theſe y well enough diſcern, that his particular Stan- Worth does not coincide at all Times with neral Judgment of Mankind. For inſtance, in haracters of the Earls of *Briſtol* and *Rocheſter*, cts he relates do not by any Means tally with ſcription he gives us of their Abilities. Amongſt ians Cardinal *Richlieu* takes Place of *Alexander* reat. A Poet thinks *Milton* a much greater than *Cromwell*: A Mathematician values Sir *Newton* more than any Knight of the Moſt No- ders. There is, 'tis true, a Sort of general which all Men approve, but then this Appro- of theirs riſes no higher than Eſteem; and they e very well acquainted therewith, and abſolutely Prejudices, if it riſes ſo high.

ce it appears, how idle a Purſuit the Man is d in, who ſighs for Univerſal Applauſe; who have Mankind for his Friends, and vainly ſo to order his Life, as to have all his Actions ed with Univerſal Approbation. Some Men, er, have been of this Humour; and, which is traordinary, this Humour of theirs hath paſs'd thers for Heroick Virtue; yet ſurely it is no- leſs. It is, I grant, a Folly with a fine Appear- A Man tainted with it may defend it, if he ſprightly Genius, by a Multitude of plauſible ents; Arguments which will ſerve to amuſe any, and raiſe perhaps an Opinion of his Wit the Few; but ſtill his Opinion will remain as ous as ever, and his Schemes impracticable. perſwade himſelf and others that he is in the but Time, that great Revealer of Secrets, will ce them, and him too, that he is in the wrong; hat he calls Virtue, is, in fact, a Weakneſs; admires a Phantom, and is afraid of Chi-

Man of this Caſt is either extravagantly fond of , and then this Humour of his is abſolutely , or elſe he is over-afraid of Cenſure; and , properly ſpeaking, Meanneſs of Spirit. To right Things from a Principle of being prais'd very commendable; nor, to ſpeak the Truth, nly. We make Children mind their Books, ep their Cloaths clean, by giving them good ; but ſurely Men need Motives of a higher . I know that honeſt Praiſe is what the great- may ſeek, and what no good Man can diſ- Yet ſtill there is a Danger in placing too high on Approbation; becauſe we may be thereby to miſtake the Nature of Things; to deſert when the People do not diſcern it, and to fol- vil, when they ſee it in a falſe Light. Men ated with Applauſe do ſtrange Things; and ll, true Merit lies not in doing what is praiſed, doing what deſerves it; and Merit is then t, when a Man prefers his Duty to his Fame; he dares be good, tho' it will be ſo far from him great, that it will debaſe him in vulgar He who woes *Virtue* only while ſhe is well , cannot be call'd a Lover, becauſe he is a rather to her Fortunes than her Perfections; es her not becauſe ſhe is *fair*, but becauſe ſhe

the other Hand, he who is ſo much afraid of ction as to tremble for what he calls the Pub- oice, muſt be ſo far from being upright and , that he muſt be a very weak, and, if the lead him thereto, a very wicked Creature. To with the Vices of an Age, hath been ſome- the Defect of great Men, but ſtill it was a Defect; and therefore they are mad who miſtake this Inclination for a Virtue. But it will be ſaid, that he is an abandon'd Man who ſtands not in Fear of the Publick. This is a Popular Doctrine, and a Popular Error. *Cato* the *Cenſor* was a Man of an unblemiſh'd Character, not becauſe he did what the People prais'd, or avoided what they condemn'd; but becauſe he acted up to the Rule of Reaſon, in Conſequence of which the Publick ſtood in Awe of him. The World may judge of Modes, and a Man would be ridiculous, who ſhould take it in his Head to pay no Sort of Reſpect to the Faſhion; but with Reſpect to Truth and Virtue, the World's Opinion cannot alter them. What is once true will be always true, and what is right now will be ever ſo. Let a Man therefore vary his Clothes with the Faſhion; but let him vary his Principles only on Conviction. It was the Mode of King *Charles* the Second's Time to laugh at Notions of Liberty, and to treat thoſe who thought of them ſeriouſly, as Enemies of Society. In thoſe Days Lord *Ruſſel* ſuffered as a Traitor, and many who made a great Figure after the *Revolution*, were driven to fly for Safety into *Holland*. But were their Sentiments a Grain the worſe for their being in ill Circumſtances? Or did they become a Grain the better for their ſubſequent Succeſs? This Doctrine of Publick Cenſure is preach'd by wicked Men, and believed by weak ones, could it be render'd univerſal, *Sound* would ſucceed *Senſe*, and Men, like Bees, would be taught to ſwarm by the Tinkling of ſuch as had the Management of them.

The Way to be at Peace in one's own Breaſt, and to have a convenient Place in the Sentiments of thoſe who know to judge as they ought of Men and Things, is to be deaf alike to Praiſe and Cenſure; to act upon right Principles, and to be regardleſs of the Conſequences. To good Men all Conſequences are the ſame. A Man of true Loyalty is not afraid of a Gibbet, nor will he purchaſe a Title at the Expence of his Honour. Who is there aſhamed of being deſcended from any of the *Martyrs* in the Days of Queen *Mary*? Or what noble Families thought a violent Death a Diſgrace during the Contention between the Houſes of *York* and *Lancaſter*? To ſuffer for one's Sentiment is the greateſt Honour, and to take up an Opinion becauſe it is current is the greateſt Meanneſs. The Precepts of Religion, the Laws of a Man's Country, and the Dictates of his Conſcience, are the Guides he ought to follow; and while he acts under their Direction he is a Man of Worth, let the World think of him what it will.

There are and will be always in the World a Set of envious and malicious Men, who, becauſe they want either the Abilities or the Application neceſſary to render them conſpicuous, ſeek to diſtinguiſh themſelves in another Way, and endeavour to *demoliſh* Structures they could not *build*. Such People are ſo properly *Self-tormentors*, that it is doing them a Kindneſs to take notice of them; and therefore Men of Spirit have always done them ſtrict Juſtice by a conſtant Contempt. There is ſomething ſo low in maligning him who has more Merit, or hating one who is happier than one's ſelf, that a more abject Character cannot be imagined, and it is really libelling the Animal Creation, when we pretend to deſcribe theſe People as Vipers or Scorpions. The Man who is envied is either affected thereby, or is not. If he is, it affords a new Subject for his Merit to work upon; to triumph over Malice is more noble than to triumph over Fortune. If he is not affected, thoſe who envy him do him Honour, they are a Kind of Foils to his Luſtre, they ſerve to ſhew his Virtues in their true Light. Whatever therefore his Enemies might intend, he is in reality obliged to them; and tho' the Conſequence does not leſſen the Iniquity of their Deſign, yet on the other hand it ought not to hinder his Gratitude. He ought to remember the Good he has received, and to paſs by the Evil that was mean', and by doing thoſe People Civilities, he will either make them his Friends, or break their Hearts if they continue his Enemies.

The Traducing a Man to the Publick is a baſe and a bad Action, and may poſſibly be a great Misfortune to the Man ſo traduced; but I believe it ſeldom is ſo, but through his own Fault. If a Man acts as he ought to do, tho' Calumny may be believ'd for a Day, yet a few Days will detect it; and nothing will go ſo near hindering this Detection as his own Impatience. I do not ſay that an innocent Man may not be angry; but I ſay, and I think I ſay it with Reaſon, that Anger ſeldom paſſes with the World for a Token of Innocency. Beſides, Reſentment always argues Vanity, tho' it is not always a Proof of Guilt. A Man who acts worthily from Principle will not be ſo much mov'd at the Loſs even of juſt Praiſe; but he who takes that for his ſole Reward cannot bear being depriv'd of it with Patience. One may therefore venture to lay it down as a thing certain, that he who can ſupport ill Treatment with a good Grace is a Man of Parts and Prudence; his own Conduct ſpeaks him ſuch, and if his Enemies contradict it, they will certainly hurt themſelves much more than they can do him. Like the *Serpent gnawing the File*, their Eagerneſs may hinder their perceiving their own *Blood*, while his Coolneſs will defend his Character, and at the ſame time offend them. Such is the Superiority that Reaſon will always have over Paſſion.

But if theſe Precautions are neceſſary in regard to the general Courſe of a Man's Life, they become much more ſo, if he has any Concerns of a political Nature. It is the Misfortune of Parties, that they circumſcribe Worth, and will not allow us to think well of above one half of our Countrymen at moſt. This however is an Error into which no wiſe Man ever will fall, and by which he will never think himſelf a Sufferer. He will not allow either popular Approbation, or vulgar Cenſure to influence his Principles; he will chuſe his Side, as the Light of his Reaſon and the Love of his Country direct him; in ſerveing it, he will go as far as diſcreet Zeal will give him Leave, but he will neither ſacrifice his Reaſon to his Intereſt, nor his Regard to Decency to the Deſire of demoliſhing an Adverſary. He will remember in the midſt of all Diſputes, that he *contends* for his *Country*, and with his *Countrymen*. This will animate him with a true *Engliſh* Spirit of repelling Force by Force, Argument by Argument, Raillery by Raillery; and it will hinder him from thinking of *Italian* Arts, ſuch as Stabbing in the dark, doing private Injuries, and hurting a Man's Character in Life becauſe he cannot refute the Reaſoning in his Writings. It will inſpire him with a juſt Deteſtation for thoſe who act in another Manner, and either from their low Station in Life, or from the extravagant Bitterneſs of an ungovern'd Spleen, vent their Fury in ſuch Attacks as betray at the ſame time their Virulence and their Weakneſs. A Man may be afraid of the *Hiſſing* of a *Serpent*, but the *Hiſſing* of a *Gooſe*, tho' it has the ſame Degree of *Malice*, is however *ridiculous*; and none but a *Gooſe* or a *Cockney* would be either afraid or offended at it.

Such Reflections as theſe will naturally riſe in a Man's Breaſt who reads and thinks; who obſerves what other People ſay, and conſiders what is fit for him to do; and as *Montaigne* raiſed a great Reputation by writing candidly what he thought, ſo I conceive no honeſt Man will be offended with me for ſpeaking my Sentiments on Subjects which occur daily. It is a buſy World we live in, and a Writer cannot be thought impertinent who talks of the Buſineſs of the World. Speculative Diſcourſes are now pretty much out of Faſhion, and if the ſeraphick Mr. *Norris* had written in this Age, his Books would ſcarce have been known to the next. A ſtrong Paſſion for propagating our own Sentiments, an Eagerneſs not to convince but to deſtroy our Adverſaries, an Air not only of Triumph but of Tyranny too frequently diſtinguiſh ſome Writers. To furniſh therefore the proper Means of guarding againſt their Fury, to ſuggeſt Arguments for bearing with their Outrages, and to exhibit Lenetives in ſome Sort of Proportion to their Corroſives, is ſurely a good-natur'd Task. There are ſome People by Nature Lovers of Harmony, Men of ſuch muſical Diſpoſitions, that they cannot be wrought upon, even by the utmoſt Efforts of the Sons of Diſcord; ſecure in their own Innocence, ſafe in the kind Reception of their Labours, they remain ſatisfy'd with their Friends, and inſenſible of the Anger of their Enemies. They conſider that all Animals act according to their Natures, and therefore, tho' they do not make it their Choice to hear the *Croaking* of *Frogs* or the *Grunting* of *Swine*, yet are they far from being bipp'd with either; they do not expect that all the *Geeſe* they deal with ſhould turn *Swans*, or that a *Cuckoo*, becauſe it is in their Neighbourhood, ſhould

ſing like a *Nightingale* Nay they go farther ſtill: They wiſh other People their Temper, and are ſo well pleas'd with their own Situation, that they would be glad their Foes were in ſo good a one, ſo they might be eaſy, and neither fret themſelves nor diſturb the World.

R. FREEMAN.

HOME PORTS.

Portſmouth, May 7. Since my laſt came to Spithead from Plymouth his Majeſty's Ship the Montague, Capt. Treſuſis. Sail'd from the Harbour the Hope Flyboat, Lawrance Holſt, for Chriſtianſand, and his Majeſty's Sloop the Cruiſer, Capt. Coats, to Spithead.

'His Majeſty's Ship the Victory, Capt. Falkner, 'will be in Readineſs for ſailing to Spithead by the 'End of this Week, ſhe being already rigg'd, and 'having the greateſt Part of her Stores and Proviſions 'on board. Wind N. E.

Deal, May 7. Wind N. E. Remains the Edinburgh Man of War, Capt Geddes, the Lydia, Allen, from Philadelphia for Holland. Arrived the Ellis, Francis, from Penzance.

Arrived,

At Liverpool, the King's-Fiſher, Green, from London.

LONDON.

'There is Advice come by the Way of Liſbon, 'that the Spaniſh Squadron that lately ſail'd out of 'Cadiz, is actually gone to the Weſt-Indies in a very 'bad Condition, not having been able to join the 'Ferrol Squadron; and that the Engliſh Miniſter at 'Liſbon had ſo early Intelligence of it, that he diſ'patch'd an Advice-boat to Admiral Vernon, time 'enough to give that Admiral Notice of it, before 'the Spaniſh Squadron can poſſibly reach thoſe Seas.

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to appoint his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland to be Governor of Portſmouth.

Likewiſe, to appoint his Grace the Duke of Montague to be Maſter of the Ordnance, in the Room of his Grace the Duke of Argyle.

His Grace the Duke of Bolton to be Captain of the Band of Gentlemen-penſioners, in the Room of the Duke of Montague.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Hertford to be Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Horſe-guards Blue, in the Room of the Duke of Argyle.

His Grace the Duke of Marlborough to be Colonel of the Second Troop of Life-guards, in the Room of the Earl of Hertford.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Tankerville to be Conſtable of the Tower, in the Room of the late Earl of Leiceſter deceaſed.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mark Kerr to be Governor of Guernſey, in the Room of the late Marquis De Montandre deceaſed.

And to appoint Col. William Ducker, Member of Parliament for Caln in Wiltſhire, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Horſe lately commanded by Gen. Evans.

This Day the New Church lately built at Woolwich will be conſecrated by the Right Reverend Dr. Joſeph Wilcox, Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter.

Yeſterday about Six o'Clock in the Evening there was a great Drawing-Room at St. James's of the Peers and Peereſſes, and about Eight o'Clock they went in Proceſſion to the Chapel Royal, in order to be preſent at the Solemnizing the Marriage Contract between the Prince of Heſſe and the Princeſs Mary: All the Biſhops in Town likewiſe were preſent.

The Anthem mentioned in our laſt was perform'd, The Vocal Parts by the Gentlemen belonging to his Majeſty's Chapel Royal, and the Inſtrumental Parts by his Majeſty's Band of Muſick, &c.

This Evening there will be a Ball for the Nobility and Gentry in the great State Ball-Room at St. James's on this Occaſion.

Yeſterday the ſeveral Gentlemen who are Subſcribers to the Infirmary at Weſtminſter, walked in Proceſſion from thence to St. Margaret's Church, and heard a Sermon preach'd ſuitable to the Occaſion by the Rev. Dr. Stebbing: After which they went to Mr. Lewis's, at the Crown Tavern in King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, where an elegant Entertainment was provided for them.

On Wedneſday laſt Robert Leſton was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for a Street-Robbery upon William Brereton, Eſq; on Saturday Morning between one and two o'Clock, from whom he took two Gold Mourning Rings and ſome Silver. In the Struggle the Gentleman and the Thief fell, when ſome of his Accomplices came up, and there was a Debate amongſt them whether they ſhould cut his Throat or not. The Rings were found upon the ſaid Robert Leſton.

The ſame Day John Clarke, otherwiſe Smith, otherwiſe Pugg, otherwiſe Jack the Catcher, was alſo committed to Newgate by the ſame Gentleman, for robbing one Mr. Richard Maſon, a Carpenter, of a Silver Watch in a Field by Pancras, with ſeveral of his Accomplices not yet taken.

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The PROPRIETORS do warrant it all entirely ... as curious as ever was taſted; they having for many Ye... it their ſole Buſineſs to import and procure the ... of the beſt and oldeſt JAMAICA RUM and C... BRANDY, having ſettled a proper Correſpondence ... for that Purpoſe, and have always large Stocks by ...

Therefore as no Perſons whatſoever can ... Goods from abroad on better Terms, ſo they are deter... all times to ſell at the loweſt Price that can poſſibly be ... (dealing altogether for ready Money) nor will they ... ut what they will WARRANT neat and genuine.

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